



# Cholla District Network News



Councilmember Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

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*Councilmember Martinez talking with residents at the recent Cholla District Meeting.*



**Monthly Safety Tips from the Glendale Police Department.** With Halloween right around the corner, the safety of our children is our primary concern. The Glendale Police Department would like you to remember a few safety tips:

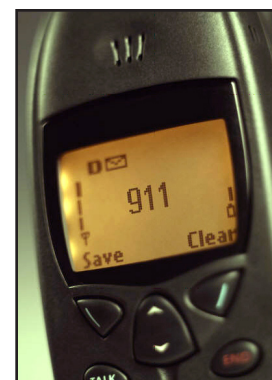
1. If at all possible, make sure that some portion of your child's costume is reflective, dark costumes are hard to see at night for motorists traveling in the area.
2. Remind your children not to eat any candy or treats until a parent or guardian has inspected it, in a controlled setting with adequate lighting. Any suspicious treats should be thrown away immediately. In extreme situations, don't hesitate to call police.
3. Remind your children never to enter any home or apartment without parental supervision.

**Looking for an Alternative to Traditional Trick or Treating?** Join us for the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Trick or Treat from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, October 28 at Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. The fun will include carnival games, face painting, costume parade, and arts and crafts. The Lil' Drama Dance Troupe will also be there to perform their "Thriller" dance. The Trick or Treat passport is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Parents are free and are required to stay. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

**Glendale Collects Cell Phones To Aid Domestic Violence Victims.** The city of Glendale is dialing in on a good cause with its annual cell phone recycling campaign. The campaign, which coincides with America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, benefits domestic violence victims.

Through Nov. 30, the public is encouraged to drop off old cell phones at any of following locations: Glendale's three public libraries, the Glendale Visitor Center in downtown Glendale, Gate 3 of Jobing.com Arena, located on the northwest corner of the building, and at Glendale Community College.

All phones collected in Glendale will benefit the Glendale Family Advocacy Center which serves victims of domestic violence. Refurbished phones are programmed so victims of stalking and domestic violence will have a means of dialing 9-1-1 if threatened. Money collected for non-working phones is used to fund hotel stays, toys for children, taxi rides or to provide other services to keep victims out of harm's way.



**New Grants Program Available to Glendale Neighborhoods.** Thanks to a new grants program, neighborhoods can spruce up with a fresh look and feel. The city of Glendale is offering a grant program to registered Glendale neighborhoods.

The capacity grants are available through the Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Partnership Office. It is a quick process to complete and submit the application. This grants program encourages partnerships with local schools, non-profit organizations, businesses and faith-based organizations. The program has been designed to help neighborhoods remain engaged, involved and healthy by offering four types of grants that are tailored to their specific needs and goals:

- Community Building and Events Grants
- Neighborhood Activities Grants
- Small Capital Improvements Grants
- Partnerships and Programs Grants

For additional information about this program, a description of each grant type, eligibility requirements and the grant application, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2868 for more information.

**Safely Dispose of Unused Medication.** The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing the community an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Clean out your medicine cabinets and remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from your home. Two collection sites will be available on Saturday, October 29th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be a collection box at the main entrance of the Cabela's store at 9380 W. Glendale Avenue. The other will be at Arrowhead Town Center, 7700 Arrowhead Towne Center in front of the AMC Theaters. Police staff will be on site for proper disposal. Strengthen your community and make your home safer by participating in this national initiative. For more information or to find a collection site in other parts of the valley, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4030.

**Loop 101 HOV Lane Improvement Project Requires Closures and Restrictions This Weekend.** A major milestone in this project will be reached on Monday, October 31 with the scheduled opening of the last remaining stretch of new HOV lanes along the Loop 101 in the West Valley. Drivers will be able to use HOV lanes along the Loop 101 from I-10 in the Southwest Valley all the way to the Loop 202 in the Southeast Valley. As work continues on the HOV lanes on the Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway), drivers should be aware of a number of upcoming restrictions and closures, which include:

- Northbound Loop 101 will be closed between Olive and 75th avenues from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday (Oct. 31) for final striping and traffic switch. The on-ramps at Glendale and Northern avenues will also be closed. DETOUR: Exit at Olive Avenue to 91st Avenue north to Cactus Road east to 75th Avenue north to access Loop 101 at Beardsley Road.
- Northbound Loop 101 will be narrowed to two lanes between Interstate 10 and Olive Avenue from 9 p.m. Saturday to 5 a.m. Monday (Oct. 31) for HOV lane striping.
- The eastbound Interstate 10 ramp to northbound Loop 101 will be closed from 9 p.m. Saturday to 9 a.m. Sunday (Oct. 30). DETOUR: Exit at 99th or 91st avenues north to McDowell Road for access to Loop 101.

A full listing of closures and additional information on this project can be found at [www.valleyfreeways.com/aguafriaclosures](http://www.valleyfreeways.com/aguafriaclosures).

## Around Town

**Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend Designated Official Arizona Centennial Event.** To commemorate the state's centennial, Governor Jan Brewer will be the city's guest of honor for the opening night of Glendale Glitters on Friday, Nov. 25.

The Governor will join Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs and city Councilmembers on stage during the Countdown to Glendale Glitters Show beginning at 5:30 p.m. The 30-minute show will culminate with the Governor and City Council turning on the 1.5 million lights that cover 16 blocks throughout downtown, creating Arizona's largest free holiday light display.

Along with the special appearance from the governor, Glendale Glitters Spectacular Weekend has also received designation as an official centennial event by the Arizona Centennial Commission.

The kickoff weekend for Glendale's annual holiday light display is Friday, Nov. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 26, from 5-10 p.m. each evening.

In addition to commemorating the state's 100th birthday, the festival will feature elements to celebrate Arizona's statehood, including a video as part of the lighting show that highlights the centennial; 100 ornaments created by Glendale elementary school students that will adorn the city's 30-foot Christmas tree, as well as a large illuminated sign that will read "Happy 100th Birthday Arizona."

For more information on Glendale's upcoming events, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2299. For additional information on the Arizona Centennial Commission, [click here](#).

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